

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

JOSEPH MICHAEL DEVON ENGEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 4:20-CV-1687 HEA

**OPINION, MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff Joseph Michael Devon Engel's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal. ECF No. 10. When the Court dismissed this action on January 21, 2021, the Court stated that an appeal would not be taken in good faith, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), and it is not apparent that plaintiff now seeks appellate review of any issue that is not frivolous. *See Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962).

Further, plaintiff has engaged in the practice of repeatedly filing meritless lawsuits in this Court. At this time, he has filed over one-hundred (100) lawsuits in this Court, which is an abuse of the judicial process. As of this date, over twenty (20) of his lawsuits have been dismissed as frivolous, malicious and/or for failure to state a claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915.


For the above stated reasons, plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal will be denied.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal [ECF No. 10] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that plaintiff shall file any future documents or pleadings in connection with his appeal directly with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry Edward Autrey", written over a horizontal line.

HENRY EDWARD AUTREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE